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2017 Heart of Dixie Calendar

Sat, Feb 4 - BMW Kick-off Party and 24hrs of LeMons at Barber
Sat, Mar 4 - Tenn South Distillery Fun Run
Mar 25-26 - High Performance Driver Education at Barber Motorsports Park
Sat, May 13 - Wheeler Plantation (and Bankhead Forest) Fun Run
Sat, Jun 3 - Autocross & Wet Skid Pad at Barber Proving Grounds (*note: date change*)
Sat, Jun 24 - Jack Daniels Poker Run (fun run with prizes – pick a card at each stop)
Jul 11-15 - BMW Oktoberfest in New Orleans
Sat, Jul 22 - DeSoto Caverns Fun Run
Sat, Aug 29 - Indoor Karting Event and Social
Sep 23-24 - High Performance Driver Education at Barber Motorsports Park
Sat, Oct 28 - Tennessee Walking Horse Fun Run
Sat, Dec 2 - Muscle Shoals Music Fun Run

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24hrs of LeMons photo courtesy of Sam Fara



Did we see at our Barber Motorsports Kick-off Party and the 24 Hours of LeMons? See Pages 3, 4 and 8 for more pictures. We have lots of adventures planned this year. Stay tuned to our web-site, Facebook page, newsletter and your e-mail for the latest events and registration. We look forward to seeing you in 2017!

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President's Letter

President, Steve Lowery at the 2017 Kick-Off



2017 is in full swing!!!

We had a great run to the Tennessee South Distillery in March and most everyone enjoyed the free tasting. Some enjoyed it so much, there were boxes to load as we left. Hope everyone enjoyed the trip as much as I did. Thanks Troy Wesson for a great day.

Just a note about the calendar, the April auto cross has moved to June and will be held at the Barber Proving Grounds. Details will be on the web site soon. You need to come out and see what your car feels like when pushed but at a safe venue. It will be a blast.

P.S. ... We have the wet skid pad which is

always entertaining. See you there.

We had another great HPDE and BMWCCA Club Race at Barber during the March 24 & 25th weekend. Thanks to Andre Desosa for Chief Instructing and Jack Joyner for putting together the best run school around. If you missed this weekend, you have a second chance in September to enjoy a great fall weekend at the track. Come out and blow some leaves off of the track with your BMW friends. Watch the website for details.

Some of us have been working on these driving events for a very long time and need a breather. As of April 1st, Jack will be taking it a little easier and passing the torch of Chief Instructor and Driving Event Chairman to Hank Bowman. Hank has been very involved in HPDEs as well as instructing for sometime and has graciously agreed to step into this role. Please encourage Hank and give him your full support in this important position.

Hope to see you at our next outing.

Until then,
Steve Lowery, President
HOD BMW CCA

Photos courtesy of Troy Wesson



2017 Kick-Off Party

On Saturday, February 4, over 100 members of the Heart of Dixie Chapter kicked off 2017 with a premier luncheon overlooking the Barber Motorsports Park track and the infamous 24 Hours of LeMons race.

Our catered lunch included roast beef roll-ups, baked potato skins, chicken on a stick, Thai noodles, fresh fruit skewers and a variety of desserts. Members were entertained with a slideshow recapping all of the 2016 events. The tables were decorated with track helmets and a variety of *Hot Wheel* BMWs for our members to take home.

After folks had time to gather, socialize and eat, our President, Steve Lowery addressed the crowd. Steve recapped the previous year, introduced the leadership, and talked through our extensive calendar of events for 2017. He then proceeded to raffle off a variety of great prizes donated by Century BMW in Huntsville. The grand prize was a spot at one of the two High Performance Driving Events featured on our calendar.

Afterwards, our members were free to tour the museum and continue to enjoy watching the race from the comfort of our room or one of the many windows on the higher floors.

As always, Barber continues to make Alabama proud with their top-notch museum, track and support of our club. We look forward to our many upcoming club events at the proving grounds and track.



Kick-Off Party photos courtesy of Troy Wesson

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Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Equity-Cash Basis

As of December 31, 2016

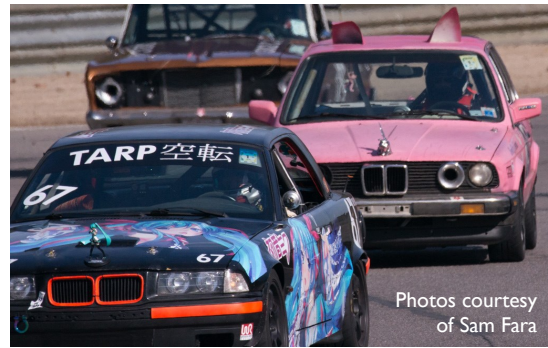
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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
100 · Regions Checking	\$ 9,488
109 · Regions Money Market	93,524
Total Checking/Savings	103,012
Other Current Assets	
200 · Inventory	215
Total Other Current Assets	215
Total Current Assets	103,227
Fixed Assets	
300 · Equipment	294
Total Fixed Assets	294
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 103,521
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
500 · Fund Balance	\$ 95,426
Net Income	8,096
Total Equity	103,522
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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

January through December 2016

	Jan - Dec 16
Income	
600 · Membership dues	\$ 8,223
610 · Sponsor/Advertising Receipts	5,400
615 · Driving School fees	35,188
616 · BMW CCA Club Race fees	7,868
625 · Other event fees	4,490
630 · Merchandise sales	240
635 · Interest income	43
650 · Misc./Other	0
Total Income	61,452
Expense	
801 · Bank Charges	56
805 · Postage	38
810 · Insurance	2,816
815 · Driving school expenses	38,638
820 · CCC/Autocross expenses	973
821 · PBOC BMW CCA Club Race Expense	816
825 · Meeting expenses	1,366
835 · Other event expenses	4,427
841 · Web hosting/development	3,845
842 · Travel & incidental expenses	134
850 · Misc./Other expenses	248
Total Expense	53,357
Net Income	\$ 8,095

BMW Kick-off (con't)Photos courtesy
of Sam FaraPhotos below courtesy
of Troy Wesson

Driving North Georgia by Troy Wesson

Every February over the past three years, I have had the joy of driving some of the best roads in North Georgia. With weather being an unknown, certain roads each year may be closed or heavily treated for winter weather while others are wide open. This year with our mild winter allowed me (and a few friends) to enjoy the best Georgia has to offer with limited traffic. Perfect pavement with more curves than you can count.

Thrillist.com recently had an article about these great roads and I can reaffirm that these are some of the best. There are numerous destinations including waterfalls, gold mines, lakes, riverside restaurants, goats on roofs, outlet mall (Dawsonville), a German village (Helen) and a scenic college town worth checking out the shops and restaurants (Dahlonega). (See the map below for a few of the best roads.) Just 4-5 hours from Birmingham and Huntsville, this area is prime for the joy of driving in your BMW or MINI with plenty of hotel, resort and cabin options.

If you have driven these roads or make a point of going this year, we would love to hear about your adventure!

More Info: <https://www.thrillist.com/cars/atlanta/most-exhilarating-drives-in-georgia>



Photo courtesy of Troy Wesson



Photo courtesy of Judith McElrath





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Tenn South Distillery Fun Run

On Saturday, March 4, 17 members of the Heart of Dixie braved the 60 degree winter weather for the first fun run of the year. We took some of the best twisty roads north of Elkmont as we headed up and around Pulaski, Tennessee and into the historic town of Lynnville before finding our way to a relatively new boutique distillery by the name of Tenn South.

Tenn South Distillery is the brain-child of a radiologist and an engineer looking for a second career. Their signature Clayton James Whiskey is one of their many products including pure and real-fruit infused moonshines, gins and vodkas. Our personal tour was lead by Mrs. Cutler, the wife of master distiller, Clayton Cutler.

By being small batch, we were able to see in-depth the process of distilling spirits that you do not normally see at the much larger mass-production facility. And we were not disappointed by the great team at Tenn South with their free and extensive tastings of all their spirits and new moonshine infused hot sauces. Can't wait to return.



Afterwards, we enjoyed some great BBQ at the Hickory House in Pulaski. See you all on our next run.



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our next club event? If
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More Oktoberfest info and registration: ofest.bmwcca.org

The Benefits of a BMW Club Membership

- Vehicle Rebate: BMW CCA members in good standing (membership for 12 months prior to the purchase) may be eligible for substantial rebates up to \$1,500 on the purchase or lease of a new or Certified Pre-Owned BMW from any authorized U.S. BMW Center. See bmwcca.org for details.
- Outstanding national events including BMW CCA's premier annual gathering, Oktoberfest.
- 12-month subscription to the Club magazine, *Roundel*.
- Driving schools, autocrosses, safety schools, fun runs and Club Racing.
- Regional club-sponsored car corrals at major road races, like the Indy and Grand Am Series at Barber Motorsports Park.
- Free classified ads on the website and in Roundel magazine.
- Access to our Technical Service Advisors for personalized advice.
- Ombudsmen to help with dealer issues.
- Friends of BMW: A roster of fellow BMW CCA members who can offer coffee and conversation, repair tools, workspace, sometimes even help when you're out on the road.
- Club library and video services. Borrow BMW-related books and videos.
- Availability of a BMW CCA affinity credit card.
- Free BMW CCA decals available from the club office.
- Access to all areas of the growing online community at www.bmwcca.org.

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